

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) For Authority to, Among Other Things, Increase Its Authorized Revenues For Electric Service in 2006, And to Reflect That Increase in Rates.

Application 04-12-014
(Filed December 21, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S MOTION
REGARDING THE SCHEDULE FOR PHASE 2**

On March 10, 2005, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed a motion requesting that service of its initial showing in Phase 2 of the 2006 general rate case (GRC) be deferred from March 21, 2005 to May 20, 2005. SCE states that the delay will provide an opportunity to make a comparison of its rate proposals in Phase 2 of the 2006 GRC to the rates that will be in effect as a result of the Commission's decision in Phase 2 of SCE's 2003 GRC.¹ According to SCE, such a comparison is important in understanding how its rate proposals impact its constituents. SCE states that personnel preparing Phase 2 testimony will also be involved in the preparation of tariffs and other materials needed to implement the Phase 2 decision for its 2003 GRC and other demand response program tariffs (Critical Peak Pricing) that are currently under consideration in

¹ On March 17, 2005, the Commission adopted an all-party settlement in Phase 2 of SCE's 2003 GRC.

Application 05-01-018. SCE also notes that other parties are currently involved in many other rate related proceedings. SCE indicates that its proposed delay will not impact the October 1, 2006 implementation date for Phase 2 rates and provided an illustrative schedule.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) agrees with SCE's request for an extension of time. In support of an even longer delay than proposed by SCE, to June 20, 2005, ORA indicates that its staff will be actively involved in the Pacific Gas & Electric Company Phase 2 proceeding, which currently has evidentiary hearings scheduled from May 23, 2005 through June 10, 2005. No other parties responded to SCE's motion.

SCE's request to defer service of its Phase 2 testimony is reasonable and will be granted. As indicated in the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo, issued on March 15, 2005, SCE should file a separate application for consideration of Phase 2 matters. ORA's staffing concerns can be addressed in the scheduling of that proceeding.

IT IS RULED that Southern California Edison Company's motion requesting that service of its Phase 2 initial showing be deferred until May 20, 2005 is granted.

Dated March 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID K. FUKUTOME

David K. Fukutome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify by electronic mail to those who provided electronic mail addresses, and by U.S. mail to those who did not provide e-mail addresses, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Southern California Edison Company's Motion Regarding the Schedule for Phase 2 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 21, 2005, San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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